

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT 27J**

**August 28, 2018
7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting
Riverdale Ridge High School
13380 Yosemite Street
Thornton, CO 80602**

BOARD OF EDUCATION MISSION STATEMENT

The Board of Education is committed to the School District’s overall success and improvement. The central focus of all meetings and discussions will be on establishing, monitoring, and supporting the District’s goals. We will actively engage all segments of our community in this ongoing focus and provide an instructional program to assure that our students meet or exceed the highest and most rigorous standards.

AGENDA

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** President Thimmig

All matters noticed on this agenda, in any category, may be considered for action as listed. Any item not so noticed may not be considered. Items listed on this agenda may be considered in any order, at the discretion of the chairperson.

- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** President Thimmig

ROLL CALL FOR ATTENDANCE (Policy Reference: 2.C) President Thimmig

- 3. COMMITMENT TO GOVERNING STYLE** President Thimmig

The Board will govern lawfully, observing Policy Governance principles, with an emphasis on (a) outward vision rather than internal preoccupation, (b) encouragement of diversity in viewpoints, (c) strategic leadership more than administrative detail, (d) clear distinction of Board and chief executive roles, (e) collective rather than individual decisions, (f) future rather than past or present, and (g) governing proactively rather than reactively.

- 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA** President Thimmig

Recommended motion: “Move to approve the agenda dated August 28, 2018 as presented.”

ROLL CALL FOR VOTE (Policy Reference: 2.G.1).

President Thimmig

5. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Fiedler

Dr. Fiedler will report on activities throughout the district.

6. MATTERS OF PUBLIC COMMENT

President Thimmig

The Board will now hear public comment on the following topics that have been indicated on the sign-in sheet. A reminder that this Board meeting is a business meeting held in public not a public meeting. The Board hears public comment to learn about the preferences and concerns of our community. So, tonight we will listen. We are prohibited by state law to take any action on the items because law requires formal public notice prior to any action on an agenda item. During our next meeting, if appropriate, we will consider your comments in our discussion, and we will ask that the Superintendent attempt to find an answer for any of your questions by that time.

The Board welcomes the comments of our community members, but to ensure that everyone will have an opportunity to participate, we have a few ground rules we ask you to follow:

- Anyone intending to address the Board should sign the speaker sign in sheet at the back of the room. I will call speakers in the order in which they signed in.
- Speakers’ comments are limited to three minutes.
- If more than one person wishes to speak on the same topic, the new speaker is limited to providing only new information. Please, do not repeat views already expressed by other speakers.
- We ask you to refrain from making complaints or negative comments against individual students or District employees; however, we cannot prevent you from doing so. Such complaints and comments should be addressed first at the classroom or school level, and then if still unresolved, to the Superintendent.
- Disturbing good order by inappropriate language or gestures is grounds for removal from the meeting.

We thank you in advance for your participation tonight.

7. CONSENT AGENDA (Policy References: 2.C)

President Thimmig

All matters listed under Consent Agenda are operational matters about which the Board has governing policies, implementation of which is delegated to the Superintendent. They will be enacted in one motion by category in the order listed below. There will be no discussion of these items prior to the time the Board of Directors vote on the motion, unless members of the board, staff or public request specific items to be discussed separately and/or removed from this section.

Any member of the public who wishes to discuss Consent Agenda items should notify the President of the Board at the time requested and be recognized by invitation of the President to address the Board.

- a. Approval of the Board of Education minutes dated June 12, 2018 Regular Board Meeting (Enclosure)
- b. Approval of personnel items on memorandum dated August 22, 2018 (Confidential enclosure)

Recommended motion: “Move to approve the consent agenda items as presented.”

ROLL CALL FOR VOTE (Policy Reference: 2.C) President Thimmig

8. GOVERNANCE PROCESS THAT SUPPORTS OUR GLOBAL GOALS

President Thimmig

- a. Ownership Linkage
- b. Board Education
- c. Board Committees
 - i. Facility Planning Advisory Committee
 - ii. Capital Facility Fee Foundation
 - iii. Rocky Mountain Risk
 - iv. Reaching Out/In
 - v. Commerce City and School District 27J Use Tax Committee
 - vi. 2015 Bond Oversight Committee
- d. Board Reports – Board Members will report on activities in which they have been involved that support our Global Goals.
- e. Other Matters of Information for the Board.

9. RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR A STRUCTURAL CHANGE IN THE SCHOOL PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORKS SCORING SYSTEM

Director Piotraschke

The Board of Education will consider approving Resolution Number One 2018-2019 supporting a structural change in the school performance frameworks scoring system. (Enclosure)

The Resolution will be read into record.

Recommended motion: “Move to approve Resolution Number One 2018-2019 as presented.”

ROLL CALL FOR VOTE (Policy Reference: 2.C) President Thimmig

10. RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR COLORADO AMMENDMENT 73

President Thimmig

The Board of Education will consider approving Resolution Number Two 2018-2019 supporting Colorado Amendment 73 (Enclosure)

The Resolution will be read into record.

Recommended motion: “Move to approve Resolution Number Two 2018-2019 as presented.”

ROLL CALL FOR VOTE (Policy Reference: 2.C) President Thimmig

11. EXPECTATION OF THE BOARD (Policy Reference 4.E)

Dr. Fiedler

- a. Board acts to accept/reject the following reports due/submitted since last meeting (ADDENDUM “A”): None at this time.
- b. General Counsel Janet Wyatt will present the Expectations of the Board Report through 3.0 Global Executive Constraint. (Separate Enclosure)

Recommended motion: “Move to accept the Expectations of the Board Report through 3.0 Global Executive Constraint as conveying reasonable interpretation of the executive limitations.”

ROLL CALL FOR VOTE (Policy Reference: 2.C)

President Thimmig

12. POLICY WORK

President Thimmig

a. Policy Review Schedule

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| i. August 28, 2018 | 3.0 General Executive Constraint |
| ii. September 25, 2018 | 1.2 Composite SAT Scores/1.3 School Performance Ratings/1.4 DIBELS Benchmarks
3.J Charter Schools |
| iii. October 23, 2018 | 3.D Financial Conditions & Activities Internal |
| iv. November 13, 2018 | 3.H Emergency Executive Succession |
| v. December 11, 2018 | 3.D External Financial Conditions & Activities
3.I Board Awareness and Support Internal & Direct Inspection |
| vi. January 22, 2019 | 3.C Treatment of Faculty/Staff/Volunteers
3.D Financial Conditions and Activities |
| vii. February 26, 2019 | 1.1 Graduation Rate
3.B Treatment of Parents/Guardians |
| viii. March 12, 2019 | 3.G Compensation & Benefits
1.4 Primary Literacy |
| ix. April 23, 2019 | 3.E Asset Protection |
| x. May 28, 2019 | 3.A Treatment of Students/Public
3.F Financial Planning/Budgeting |
| xi. June 11, 2019 | None |

13. PROCLAMATION OF SEPTEMBER AS ATTENDANCE AWARENESS MONTH

President Thimmig

The Board of Education will consider approving Proclamation Number One 2018- 2019 declaring September as Attendance Awareness Month. This is the fifth year that the Board of Education has approved this resolution promoting good attendance and recognizing how it is essential to student achievement and graduation. (Enclosure)

The Proclamation will be read into record.

Recommended motion: “Move to approve Proclamation Number One 2018-2019 as presented.”

ROLL CALL FOR VOTE (Policy Reference: 2.G.1)

President Thimmig

14. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

September 11, 2018	6:00 p.m. Linkage Meeting with Charter School Board members and Principals Administrative Conference Room One Educational Service Center 18551 E. 160 th Avenue Brighton, CO 80601
September 25, 2018	5:30 p.m. Study Session 7:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting Lois Lesser Board Room Educational Service Center 18551 E. 160 th Avenue Brighton, CO 80601
October 9, 2018	6:00 p.m. Linkage Meeting with Business Partners Administrative Conference Room One Educational Service Center 18551 E. 160 th Avenue Brighton, CO 80601

15. BOARD MEETING EVALUATION

The next quarterly meeting evaluation will be at the September 25, 2018 meeting.

16. CLOSING COMMENTS

17. ADJOURNMENT

Date of Notice: August 23, 2018

Expectations of the Board Report Evaluation Worksheet

Date Due	Policy No.	Policy Title	Frequency	Date Submitted	Date of Board Action	Accepted	Not Accepted	Comments Conditions

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT 27J
June 12, 2018
Regular Meeting Minutes**

1. CALL TO ORDER: 7:01 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director Kerber, Director Nickeson, Director Piotraschke, Director Thimmig, Director Venerable, Director Worth were present for this entire meeting. Director Thomas was absent from this entire meeting.

3. COMMITMENT TO GOVERNING STYLE

President Thimmig read the following statement: The Board will govern lawfully, observing Policy Governance principles, with an emphasis on (a) outward vision rather than internal preoccupation, (b) encouragement of diversity in viewpoints, (c) strategic leadership more than administrative detail, (d) clear distinction of Board and chief executive roles, (e) collective rather than individual decisions, (f) future rather than past or present, and (g) governing proactively rather than reactively.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Director Worth, seconded by Director Piotraschke to approve the agenda dated June 12, 2018 as presented. Roll Call Vote: all ayes

5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Fiedler reported on activities throughout the district.

6. MATTERS OF PUBLIC COMMENT: None

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Director Piotraschke, seconded by Director Nickeson to approve the consent agenda items as presented. Roll Call Vote: all Ayes

- a. Approval of the Board of Education minutes dated May 22, 2018 Regular Board meeting
- b. Approval of personnel items on memorandum dated June 5, 2018
- c. Approval to authorize the Superintendent or his designee to negotiate and execute any and all documents required to renew and expand the lease with Community Reach Center Foundation, Inc. for space in the Brighton Learning and Resource Campus as described in the enclosure. Funding for such lease will be available in the Fiscal

Year 2018-2019 budget and be subject to annual appropriation for the remainder of the agreement.

8. GOVERNANCE PROCESS THAT SUPPORTS OUR GLOBAL GOALS

- a. Ownership Linkage: Director Kerber explained that the linkage committee will meet over the summer to discuss groups. The initial plan is to meet with the charter school board members and principals on September 10, 2018.
- b. Board Education: Director Nickeson explained that the education committee will create a schedule for the 2018-2019 board meetings. The initial plan is to have a presentation on the One-To-Web process on August 28, 2018.
- c. Board Committees
 - i. Facility Planning Advisory Committee: No report
 - ii. Capital Facility Fee Foundation: No quorum was attained, so the next meeting will be in September 2018.
 - iii. Rocky Mountain Risk: Director Piotraschke reported that things are going well. Dates for the lawsuit of Adams 12's withdrawal from the pool are being established. A second lawyer is being added, and this will hopefully expedite the process. Rates did raise due to more personnel, not an increase in claims. The group is being proactive by looking at projections for several years, even with the withdrawal of Adams 12. Growth will continue as projected. With new buildings come an increase in liability.
 - iv. Reaching Out/In: Director Venerable explained that the committee will meet in July 2018 to plan the topics for the 2018-2019 awards.
 - v. Commerce City and School District 27J Use Tax Committee: This committee did not meet since the last Board of Education meeting.
 - vi. 2015 Bond Oversight Committee: This committee did not meet in May 2018. Electronic information was distributed. Next meeting is scheduled for June 21, 2018.
- d. Board Reports – Board Members will report on activities in which they have been involved that support our Global Goals. Director Nickeson and Director Venerable are submitting a proposal for a presentation at the Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB) regarding a social media interactive session. They feel the District staff are doing great things and they have successes to share. The proposal is due by August 10, 2018.
- e. Other Matters of Information for the Board: Director Thimmig referenced a news release from the Government Finance Officers Association that they are again presenting School District 27J with the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. The Board of Education members acknowledged the finance department for continued excellence.

9. POLICY WORK

- a. Policy Review Schedule
 - i. June 12, 2018 None
 - ii. August 28, 2018 3.0 General Executive Constraint
 - iii. September 25, 2018 1.2 Composite SAT Scores/1.3 School Performance Ratings/1.4 DIBELS Benchmarks
3.J Charter Schools

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| xi. May 28, 2019 | 3.A Treatment of Students/Public |
| | 3.F Financial Planning/Budgeting |

10. FEE SCHEDULES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019

Chief Financial Officer Lori Schiek presented information pertaining to the Fee Schedules for the Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

Motion by Director Nickeson, seconded by Director Venerable to approve the Fee Schedule for the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 as presented. Roll Call Vote: all ayes

11. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

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| July 31, 2018 | 6:00 p.m. Linkage Meeting with School District 27J Principals
Riverdale Ridge High School
13380 Yosemite Street
Thornton, CO 80602 |
| August 28, 2018 | 5:30 p.m. Study Session
7:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting
Riverdale Ridge High School
13380 Yosemite Street
Thornton, CO 80602 |

12. BOARD MEETING EVALUATION

Director Nickeson presented the quarterly meeting evaluation for the April, May, and June meetings due to Director Thomas' absence.

13. CLOSING COMMENTS: Director Thimmig wished everyone a good and safe summer.

14. ADJOURNMENT: 7:58 p.m.

**SCHOOL DISTRICT 27J
BOARD OF EDUCATION RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT FOR
A STRUCTURAL CHANGE IN THE SCHOOL PERFORMANCE
FRAMEWORKS SCORING SYSTEM
RESOLUTION NUMBER ONE
2018-2019**

WHEREAS, the School District 27J Board of Education recognizes that a structural change is needed in the state performance scoring system; and

WHEREAS, the current state performance scoring system is norm referenced in nature and uses “percentile” or “curve” based cut points in the determining the final accreditation ratings for schools and districts; and

WHEREAS, under the current system, there will always be a number of schools and districts that, by the nature of the current methodology, will be in either Priority Improvement or Turnaround status; and

WHEREAS, the Board declares that this is a matter of official concern;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the School District 27J Board of Education officially declares its support for the Colorado Association of School Boards to make this issue a legislative priority for 2019 Colorado General Assembly’s Legislative Session.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 28 day of August, 2018

SCHOOL DISTRICT 27J

Roberta Thimmig, President

Lynn Ann Sheats, Secretary

**SCHOOL DISTRICT 27J
BOARD OF EDUCATION RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT
OF AMENDMENT 73
RESOLUTION NUMBER TWO
2018-2019**

WHEREAS, the School District 27J Board of Education believes that every student should have the opportunity to reach his or her full potential and to participate meaningfully in the civic and economic life of the community; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado way of life provides every student the chance to succeed regardless of their zip code or their learning needs; and

WHEREAS, quality public education develops a competitive workforce that will drive a vibrant Colorado economy for decades to come; and

WHEREAS, Colorado is experiencing a teacher and support staff shortage crisis and many teachers and support staff in districts across the state do not make enough salary to meet the cost of living; and

WHEREAS, Colorado's investment in education is lagging behind other states — Colorado ranks 48th nationally in personal income invested in education; and

WHEREAS, education funding has not recovered from the recession; in the 2018-19 school year alone, Colorado schools are underfunded by \$672.4 million and School District 27J schools are underfunded by \$13.5 million as a result of the Budget Stabilization Factor, previously known as the Negative Factor; and

WHEREAS, the loss in revenue to School District 27J has been over \$142 million since 2009 as a result of the Negative/Budget Stabilization Factor, which could have been used to support the Board's Global Goals for our students achieving academic excellence as measured by graduation rates, students' SAT scores, District and School Performance Framework Ratings, and primary literacy proficiency; and

WHEREAS, reduced funding is directly impacting the District's ability to meet the Board's Global Goals; and

WHEREAS, the reduced funding also limits the Board's ability to respond to parents and community input on the District's programs and services, despite the Board's great desire to engage with and respond to its community; and

WHEREAS, Amendment 73 builds on the successes of Colorado's public schools by expanding students' educational opportunities to prepare them for success in college, career and life; preparing a qualified workforce for decades to come; and ensuring that Colorado's economic prosperity is shared with every community from corner to corner of the state; and

WHEREAS, Amendment 73 will bring Colorado’s investment in public education closer to the national average by raising \$1.6 billion dollars annually; provide sustainable support for schools by stabilizing school property taxes; provide additional funding for all students and address the most pressing needs of Colorado’s public schools — specifically, funding for full-day kindergarten and a significant increase in funding for Early Childhood programs, Special Education programs, At-Risk students, English Language Learners and Gifted & Talented students; and

WHEREAS, Amendment 73 gives local school boards greater ability to respond to parent and community input and provide programs and services to meet the needs of all their students; and

WHEREAS, if Amendment 73 passes, the Board commits to prioritizing the estimated additional \$29 million in increased annual revenue to School District 27J to support the Board’s Global Goals for our students achieving academic excellence as measured by graduation rates, students’ SAT scores, District and School Performance Framework Ratings, and primary literacy proficiency, while acknowledging that priorities will evolve as community engagement is an ongoing process; and

WHEREAS, the Board declares that Amendment 73 is a matter of official concern;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the School District 27J Board of Education officially declares its support for Amendment 73 for the purpose of increasing funding of public education in the State of Colorado; and The Board authorizes the expenditure of District funds to distribute a factual summary regarding Amendment 73, in accordance with the Fair Campaign Practices Act, C.R.S. 1-45-117.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 28 day of August, 2018

SCHOOL DISTRICT 27J

Roberta Thimmig, President

Lynn Ann Sheats, Secretary

SCHOOL DISTRICT 27J



**GOVERNING POLICY OF
THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Policy 4.E – MONITORING SUPERINTENDENT PERFORMANCE**

(Accepted 8-24-10)

Management Limitations 3.0
Global Executive Constraint

To: Board of Education

From: Dr. Chris Fiedler, Superintendent of Schools

Re: Expectations of the Board Report – 3.0 Global Executive Constraint

I hereby present my Expectations of the Board Report on our Global Executive Constraint, Management Limitations 3.0, in accordance with the monitoring schedule as set forth in Board policy. I certify the information in this report is true. (Separate Enclosure)

Signed: 

Date: August 28, 2018

Dr. Chris Fiedler
Superintendent, School District 27J

**SCHOOL DISTRICT 27J
PROCLAMATION OF SEPTEMBER AS
ATTENDANCE AWARENESS MONTH
PROCLAMATION NUMBER ONE
2018-2019**

WHEREAS good attendance is essential to student achievement and graduation, and we are committed to dedicating our resources and attention to reducing chronic absenteeism rates, with a focus starting as early as kindergarten,

WHEREAS chronic absence – missing 10 percent or more of school for any reason including excused and unexcused absences, or just two of three days a month – is a proven predictor of academic trouble and dropout rates,

WHEREAS improving attendance and reducing chronic absence takes commitment, collaboration and tailored approaches to particular challenges and strengths in each community,

WHEREAS chronic absence predicts lower third-grade reading proficiency, course failure and eventual dropout, it weakens our communities and our local economy,

WHEREAS the impact of chronic absence hits low-income students and children of color particularly hard if they don't have the resources to make up for lost time in the classroom and are more likely to face systemic barriers to getting to school – such as unreliable transportation, lack of access to health care, unstable or unaffordable housing,

WHEREAS schools and community partners can reach out more frequently to absent students to determine why they are missing school and what would help them attend more regularly,

WHEREAS schools and community partners must do more to track, calculate and share the data on how many students are chronically absent so that we can deliver the right interventions to the right students,

WHEREAS chronic absence can be significantly reduced when schools, parents and communities work together to monitor and promote good attendance and address hurdles that keep children from getting to school,

WHEREAS engaging parents and the community – including civic and elected leaders, local businesses, faith based members and nonprofit organizations – to help us spread the message that good attendance matters and helps us come up with solutions to ensure all children are in school as much as possible.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED this 28th day of August, 2018 that School District 27J proclaims that our community will stand with the nation and Adams County partners in

recognizing September as “Attendance Awareness Month.” We hereby commit to focusing on reducing chronic absenteeism to give all children an equitable opportunity to learn, grow and thrive academically, emotionally and socially.

APPROVED THIS 28 day of August, 2018

SCHOOL DISTRICT 27J

Roberta Thimmig, President

Lynn Ann Sheats, Secretary

	METHOD	FREQUENCY	SCHEDULE
3.D - Financial Condition & Activities	Internal	Semi - Annually	January & October
	External	Annually	December
3.C - Treatment of Faculty/Staff/Volunteers	Internal	Annually	January
1.1 - Graduation Rate	Internal	Annually	February
3.B - Treatment of Parents/Guardians	Internal	Annually	February
3.G - Compensation & Benefits	Internal	Annually	March
1.4 – Primary Literacy	Internal	Annually	March
3.E - Asset Protection	Internal	Annually	April
3.A - Treatment of Students/Public	Internal	Annually	May
3.F - Financial Planning/Budgeting	Internal	Annually	May
3.0 - Global Executive Constraint	Internal	Annually	August
1.2 - Composite SAT Scores	Internal	Annually	September
1.3 – Academic Status of Schools Ratings	Internal	Annually	September
3.J - Charter Schools	Internal	Annually	September
3.H - Emergency Executive Succession	Internal	Annually	November
3.I - Board Awareness & Support	Internal	Annually	December
	Direct Inspection	Annually	December